

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1-10 and 13-15 are rejected. Claims 12, 14, and 16 are objected to. Claims 1, 6, 11, 12, 14, and 16 are amended hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1-10 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,131,860 (Bogiel), Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, and 11 by including part of the limitations of claims 12, 14, and 16, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 1, and claims 2-5 and 12-13 depending therefrom, claim 6, and claims 7-10 and 14-15 depending therefrom, and claim 11, and claims 16-17 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

Bogiel discloses a power distribution system for electrification of modular wall panels. The power distribution system includes a U-shaped channel 32 and a housing 64 “which is positioned within U-shaped channel 32” (column 4, lines 30-31). Housing member 64 receives receptacle 24 in a first opening 70.

In contrast, claim 1 recites in part “at least one receptacle mounting bracket positioned outside of said at least one channel.” (Emphasis added). Applicant submits that such an invention is neither taught, disclosed, or suggested by Bogiel, or any of the other cited references, alone or in combination, and includes distinct advantages thereover.

Claim 6 recites in part “at least one receptacle mounting bracket positioned outside of said at least one channel.” (Emphasis added). Applicant submits that such an invention is neither taught, disclosed, or suggested by Bogiel, or any of the other cited references, alone or in combination, and includes distinct advantages thereover.

Claim 11 recites in part “positioning said receptacle mounting bracket outside of said at least one channel.” (Emphasis added). Applicant submits that such an invention is neither taught,

disclosed, or suggested by Bogiel, or any of the other cited references, alone or in combination, and includes distinct advantages thereover.

The Office Action appears to posit that the receptacle mounting bracket and the channel of the present invention correspond respectively to housing 64 and U-shaped channel 32 of Bogiel. As explicitly described in Bogiel, however, housing 64 is positioned *within* U-shaped channel 32. Fig. 2 of Bogiel indicates this positioning as well. Consequently, Bogiel fails to disclose a receptacle mounting bracket positioned *outside* of the channel.

An advantage of the present invention is its design simplicity.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 897-3400.

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